

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for displaying a plurality of visual elements associated with a computer program application, said method comprising:

defining a sequential tabbing order for the plurality of visual elements; and

displaying ~~at least one~~ a first graphical linking element extending between first and second visual elements included in the plurality of visual elements, wherein the ~~at least one first~~ graphical linking element ~~represents the sequential tabbing order~~ includes a line segment that extends between and substantially graphically connects the first visual element and the second visual element and a graphical element that indicates a direction of the sequential tabbing order between the first and second visual elements.

2. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1 further comprising ~~wherein displaying at least one graphical linking element includes:~~

~~displaying a first graphical linking element extending between a first visual element in the sequential tabbing order and a second visual element in the sequential tabbing order; and~~

displaying a second graphical linking element extending between the second visual element and a third visual element, included in the plurality of visual elements, in the sequential tabbing order.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The method of Claim 1 further comprising displaying a plurality of textual order tags such that each of the textual order tags is located adjacent a respective one of the plurality of visual elements and includes text indicating a relative rank of the respective one of the plurality of visual elements in the sequential tabbing order.

5. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1 further comprising reconfiguring the at least one first graphical linking element to reflect a new sequential tabbing order responsive to a modification of the sequential tabbing order.



6. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 5 further comprising modifying the sequential tabbing order responsive to user input that relocates ~~relocating~~ the at least one first graphical linking element relative to at least one of the plurality of visual elements.

7. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the sequential tabbing order corresponds to a first sequential tabbing order and the method further comprising comprises:

defining a second sequential tabbing order for the plurality of visual elements, wherein the first sequential tabbing order includes [[a]] the first visual element which is not in the second sequential tabbing order[[,]] and the second sequential tabbing order includes a ~~second~~ third visual element, included in the plurality of visual elements, that is not in the first sequential tabbing order; and

~~displaying a first graphical linking element extending between the first visual element and another of the plurality of visual elements, wherein the first graphical linking element represents at least a portion of the first sequential tabbing order; and~~

displaying a second graphical linking element extending between the ~~second~~ third visual element and another of the plurality of visual elements, wherein the second graphical linking element represents at least a portion of the second sequential tabbing order.

8. (Currently amended) A system including a processor configured for displaying on a display device a plurality of visual elements associated with a computer program application, said system comprising:

means for defining a sequential tabbing order for the plurality of visual elements; and

means for displaying ~~at least one~~ a first graphical linking element extending between first and second visual elements included in the plurality of visual elements, wherein the ~~at least one first~~ graphical linking element ~~represents the sequential tabbing order~~ includes a line segment that extends between and substantially graphically connects the first visual element and the second visual element and a graphical element that indicates a direction of the sequential tabbing order between the first and second visual elements.

9. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 8 further comprising ~~wherein the means for displaying at least one graphical linking element includes:~~

~~means for displaying a first graphical linking element extending between a first visual element in the sequential tabbing order and a second visual element in the sequential tabbing order; and~~

means for displaying a second graphical linking element extending between the second visual element and a third visual element, included in the plurality of visual elements, in the sequential tabbing order.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The system of Claim 8 further comprising means for displaying a plurality of textual order tags such that each of the textual order tags is located adjacent a respective one of the plurality of visual elements and includes text indicating a relative rank of the respective one of the plurality of visual elements in the sequential tabbing order.

12. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 8 further comprising means for reconfiguring the ~~at least one first~~ graphical linking element to reflect a new sequential tabbing order responsive to a modification of the sequential tabbing order.

13. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 12 further comprising means for modifying the sequential tabbing order responsive to user input that relocates ~~relocating~~ the at least ~~one~~ first graphical linking element relative to at least one of the plurality of visual elements.

14. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 8 wherein the sequential tabbing order corresponds to a first sequential tabbing order and the method further comprising: comprises:

means for defining a second sequential tabbing order for the plurality of visual elements, wherein the first sequential tabbing order includes [[a]] the first visual element which is not in the second sequential tabbing order [[,]] and the second sequential tabbing order includes a ~~second~~ third visual element, included in the plurality of visual elements, that is not in the first sequential tabbing order; and

~~means for displaying a first graphical linking element extending between the first visual element and another of the plurality of visual elements, wherein the first graphical linking element represents at least a portion of the first sequential tabbing order; and~~

means for displaying a second graphical linking element extending between the ~~second~~ third visual element and another of the plurality of visual elements, wherein the second graphical linking element represents at least a portion of the second sequential tabbing order.

15. (Currently amended) A computer program product for displaying a plurality of visual elements associated with a computer program application, said computer program product comprising:

a computer readable storage medium having computer readable program code embodied in the medium, the computer readable program code comprising:

computer readable program code configured to define a sequential tabbing order for the plurality of visual elements; and

computer readable program code configured to display ~~at least one~~ a first graphical linking element extending between first and second visual elements included in the plurality of visual elements, wherein the ~~at least one first~~ graphical linking element ~~represents the sequential tabbing order~~ includes a line segment that extends between and substantially graphically connects the first visual element and the second visual element and a graphical element that indicates a direction of the sequential tabbing order between the first and second visual elements.

16. (Currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 15 further comprising ~~wherein the computer readable program code configured to display at least one graphical linking element includes:~~

~~computer readable program code configured to display a first graphical linking element extending between a first visual element in the sequential tabbing order and a second visual element in the sequential tabbing order; and~~

computer readable program code configured to display a second graphical linking element extending between the second visual element and a third visual element, included in the plurality of visual elements, in the sequential tabbing order.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 15 further comprising computer readable program code configured to display a plurality of textual order tags such that each of the textual order tags is located adjacent a respective one of the plurality of visual elements and includes text indicating a relative rank of the respective one of the plurality of visual elements in the sequential tabbing order.

19. (Currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 15 further comprising computer readable program code configured to reconfigure the ~~at least one~~ first graphical linking element to reflect a new sequential tabbing order responsive to a modification of the sequential tabbing order.

20. (Currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 19 further comprising computer readable program code configured to modify the sequential tabbing order responsive to user input that relocates ~~relocating~~ the ~~at least one~~ first graphical linking element relative to at least one of the plurality of visual elements.

21. (Currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 15 wherein the sequential tabbing order corresponds to a first sequential tabbing order and the method further comprising comprises:

computer readable program code configured to define a second sequential tabbing order for the plurality of visual elements, wherein the first sequential tabbing order includes ~~[[a]]~~ the first visual element which is not in the second sequential tabbing order~~[[,]]~~ and the second sequential tabbing order includes a ~~second~~ third visual element, included in plurality of visual elements, that is not in the first sequential tabbing order; and

~~computer readable program code configured to display a first graphical linking element extending between the first visual element and another of the plurality of visual elements, wherein the first graphical linking element represents at least a portion of the first sequential tabbing order; and~~

computer readable program code configured to display a second graphical linking element extending between the ~~second~~ third visual element and another of the plurality of visual elements, wherein the second graphical linking element represents at least a portion of the second sequential tabbing order.

22. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the ~~at least one~~ first graphical linking element has first and second opposed ends, and wherein the first end terminates on ~~[[a]]~~ the first visual element in the sequential tabbing order and the second end terminates on ~~[[a]]~~ the second visual element in the sequential tabbing order.